

SENATE BILL 1122

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47,  
Chapter 18 and Title 49, relative to postsecondary  
education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-104(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

( ) The act or practice by a postsecondary education institution or its agents to persuade a student to enroll or remain enrolled by engaging in advertising, sales, collection, credit, or other practices of any type that are false, deceptive, misleading, or unfair.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A postsecondary institution authorized to operate in this state under § 49-7-2008 shall provide a free two-week online orientation program to all incoming students with no previous postsecondary credits prior to enrollment. At a minimum, the two-week program shall include the following information:

(1) The estimated total cost of the program the student seeks to enroll in, including, but not limited to:

(A) Whether the student will be required to pay by course, semester, or program;

(B) Fees for dropping or adding classes;

(C) The average cost of required books and equipment; and

(D) Any additional fees, including technology fees or graduation fees;

(2) Projected date of graduation as a full-time or part-time student;

(3) Graduation rates;

(4) The ability to transfer earned credits to another institution;

(5) Program accreditation information, including ways to access nationally recognized databases of accredited postsecondary institutions and programs;

(6) Programs offered to assist military veterans;

(7) The cancellation policy; and

(8) Any available refund policies.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.